

VERMONT MAPLE KING and QUEEN CONTEST

Co-sponsored by the Vermont Maple Festival, Inc., Vermont Maple Foundation,
and Vermont Maple Sugarmakers' Association
ATTN: Pauline Couture, Chair

APPLICATION

Candidate: _____ Phone _____

Parent or Legal Guardian _____ Phone _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth _____

School _____ Grade _____

Do you live on a farm that produces maple syrup? Yes No If yes, where? _____
or

Do you assist on a farm that produces maple syrup? Yes No If yes, where? _____

On a separate piece of paper, please write about:

1. Your experience and involvement in maple
2. Your school and community activities
3. Ask for a note of recommendation from a sugarmaker in your county. Have the sugarmaker place the note in a sealed envelope, and include it with your application.

If you are not at the above address, where and when can you be reached?

Applicant's signature Phone _____ Date _____

The person named above has permission to enter this contest and my consent to use photographic releases for publicity purposes.

Date

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian

**2009 VERMONT MAPLE KING AND QUEEN CONTEST
QUALIFICATIONS, RULES AND REGULATIONS**

1. Must be 16 years of age and not over 21 by April 22, 2009.
2. Must not be married - nor ever have been prior to entering the contest. Should you marry during year, the runner up will take over with a percentage of the prize.
3. Contestants shall not have formerly been Vermont Maple King or Queen or Miss Vermont Agriculture. Both the King and Queen may run for Vermont Young Agriculture Ambassador the following year.
4. Contestants are required to be at the Exhibit Hall in St. Albans on the afternoon of Saturday, April 25 for an interview. During the interview, the judges will be asking you questions about the process of sugaring and seeking your ideas on the future of the maple industry in Vermont. Judges will be observing your appearance, poise and speech delivery. You will also be asked how available you will be during the year. (Do not apply if you will be attending college outside New England or New York, going on an extended European vacation, entering the Armed Forces, etc.!)
5. The Maple King and Queen and runners-up will be announced at the Maple Banquet held that same evening starting with the Social time at 5:30 and Dinner at 6:00 P.M. One banquet ticket will be provided for each contestant. We encourage you to bring your family and friends. Attendance at this event is mandatory.
6. The Vermont Maple Sugarmakers' Association, the Vermont Maple Festival and the Vermont Maple Foundation will expect you to be available for a reasonable number of events throughout the year. You will be representing the Vermont Maple Industry in promotion, publicity and education.
7. The Maple King and Queen will each receive a total of \$500, with \$100 being awarded for the crowning, with attendance at the Vermont Maple Festival parade the day following the competition, and \$100 for attendance at the next year's Vermont Maple Festival, which is mandatory. You will each receive \$100 per event for attending 3 of the 4 remaining events:
 - 1) Vermont Maplerama
 - 2) Governor's Tree Tapping Ceremony
 - 3) Vermont Farm Show
 - 4) A day at any one Vermont Fair or Field DaysContact Pauline Couture, 744-2733, at the completion of each event for your \$100. This prize money is to help defray expenses to these events. Additional funds *may* be available from the host of each event.

The King and Queen Contest committee cannot cover additional events. If you are invited to, and choose to attend any additional events or activities, the host organization *may* be responsible for your expenses, which may include an entry ticket, a meal allowance, parking and mileage.
8. A parent or guardian must sign the application form or it will not be accepted.
9. All entries must be received by April 17, 2009.
10. Questions should be directed to Pauline Couture, Chair at 744-2733. Mail application to:

Vermont Maple King and Queen
c/o Pauline Couture
560 VT Route 100
Westfield, VT 05874